The International Dracontology Society of Lake Memphremagog

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Lac Memphrémagog

A lake, a legend, a man...

Jacques Boisvert logged more than 4500 scuba dives in lake Memphremagog.

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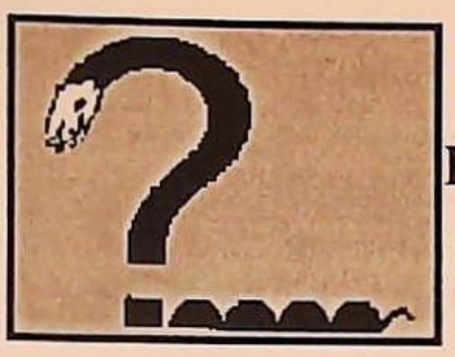

LEGEND: observation site for unidentified lake dwelling creatures.

Summer 1996 was the twinning of Lake Memphremagog and Lake Ikeda of Japan. They are inhabited by unidentified lake dwelling creatures. The photo is showing two major collaborators, Mr. J. Robert Colombo of Toronto and Mrs. Hiroko Yashuda, translator from Japanese to English.

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